

Marymount Parents, Teachers in Discussion Series on Education

In a two-meeting series held the past two Sunday afternoons, the faculty of Marymount Palos Verdes met with students' parents for discussions of modern educational and student programs.

The meetings were held in Lourdes hall on the high school campus, with refreshments served afterwards on the adjacent patio.

Principal speaker was Rev. Mother Francoise, Mother Superior of the Marymount High School. After a welcoming address, she outlined the problems facing today's students, parents and faculty.

grasps and absorbs education easily, all children should be as proficient. Indeed, she said, it is necessary to understand that each student must be graded and judged on her individual native ability and her educational pace adjusted accordingly.

Approximately 150 parents from throughout the South Bay area attended the Marymount meetings. The high school faculty joined the parents on the school patio after the meetings to discuss individual student problems with them.

MOTHER Francoise stressed the fact that more is demanded of today's student, necessitating an even more thorough preparation than ever before. It is vital, she said, that students have a wider and more intensive knowledge and develop more maturity of judgment.

Marymount's Principal laid down the factors which they believe to be most important in the intellectual preparation of students. The first category he listed was individual character traits. Among these character traits are perseverance, self-sacrifice and the intelligence to be guided.

LATTER trait she amplified as the intelligence to allow oneself to be guided by the teacher in order to reach educational achievement. Self sacrifice was defined as the character trait which is displayed when the student sacrifices less important but more desirable things in order to pursue those things which will help to educate and develop the student more fully.

The second category outlined by Rev. Mother Francoise was study habits, which she declared as of vital importance in a student's development.

THE THREE necessary brackets in study habits are self reliance, organization and concentration, she said. Concentration is harder than ever to achieve in today's world.

It is impossible she asserted, for today's student to concentrate properly with records, radio or television playing. Many students believe these distractions not harmful to them, she said, whereas it is proven that nothing succeeds like the kind of quiet, steady concentration without distraction that brings the most benefits to study.

THE THIRD category discussed by Marymount's Principal was the native ability of the student. Each student's native ability is individually his or hers. She maintained that one useless practice is to consider that because one child

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